

ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus is disclosed that includes one or more processing units, a control unit, an update program acquiring unit that acquires  
5 an update program for updating programs of the processing units and the control unit, and a program updating unit that updates the programs of the processing units in the order of the number of the other processing units through which the control unit  
10 communicates with each of the processing units. The order in which the processing units are updated is determined based on the number of other processing units via which each of the processing units communicates with the control unit.